

## ***Notice and invitation to register on the Agrément South Africa list of prospective service providers***

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Agrément South Africa extends an invitation for prospective suppliers to register on the list of prospective suppliers, to support Agrément South Africa in fulfilling its mandate to assess and certify non-standardised building and construction products or systems.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

Agrément South Africa was established by a Ministerial delegation of Authority in 1969. Since its inception, it has been administered by and housed at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPW&I) has effectively managed the process of creating Agrément South Africa as a juristic person. The Agrément South Africa Bill was tabled before the National Council of Provinces and the National Assembly in Parliament and passed. The Agrément South Africa Act was accented to by the Honourable President of the Republic of South Africa as Act No. 11 of 2015. Agrément South Africa is an independent public entity for the technical assessment and certification of fitness-for-purpose of innovative building and construction products or systems.

Agrément South Africa is bound by its mandate to support and promote the process of integrated socio-economic development in South Africa, as it relates to the construction industry, by facilitating the introduction, application and utilisation of satisfactory innovation and technology development. The main objectives are:

- To certify non-standardised construction products or systems through technical assessment as being fit-for-purpose;
- To serve construction communities nationally, by providing specifiers, regulators, financial institutions and users with assurance that the products or systems can be used; and
- Enabling the introduction of innovation into markets and minimising associated risks.

### 3. INVITATION FOR REGISTRATION

Agrément South Africa recognises the role played by experts in the built environment, in discharging Agrément South Africa's mandate. In this regard, the entity intends to broaden the list of external service providers in the built environment, to build and strengthen Agrément South Africa's capacity. Experts will be utilised for the evaluation and certification of innovative construction products or systems, on a rotational basis, after having satisfied minimum requirements of each request for quotation.

It must be noted registration on the list of prospective service providers does not automatically constitute expert responsibilities to assess innovative and non-standardised products or systems for Agrément certification. If registered, each prospective service provider will be approached as and when the relevant services are required, based on expertise.

Professional consultants who are currently registered with Agrément South Africa (prior October 2019) are also requested to heed to the call and update their details with Agrément South Africa.

The following professional consultants and/or experts with B-BBEE Level 1 to 5 are invited to register:

- Academia, Built Environment
- Acoustics Experts
- Architects
- Asphalt Technologists
- Automation, instrumentation, measurement and control
- Black Built Environment Technical Professionals
- Building Materials Experts
- Built Environment Testing Laboratories
- Chemical Engineers
- Concrete Experts
- Corrosion Experts
- Consulting Engineers
- Electrical and Electronic Engineers
- Energy efficiency and thermal performance experts
- Environmental Experts (water, air, soil)
- Fire Prevention and Protection Specialists
- Green Building Experts (Accredited Professionals)
- Mechanical and Wet Services Engineers

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- Quantity Surveyors
  - Social Assessment Experts
  - Software Developers
  - Structural and Civil Engineers
  - Surface Coatings Experts
  - Third party auditors
  - Wet Services Experts
  - Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) experts

**Restrictions:**

ASA will request quotations for services from the list of prospective service providers, and where impossible, extend the invite to other prospective service providers not listed, provided they meet the minimum requirements set out. The service providers would typically be involved in the evaluation of (testing/assessment) and technical advisory on built environment/construction products, materials and systems certifiable by ASA.

Interested experts/consultants are requested to provide a comprehensive company or personnel profile which will include the following information:

- Description of areas of expertise;
- Work experience in area of expertise, with valid references;
- Certificate of Professional Accreditation or Registration with applicable Professional Bodies;
- Company profile;
- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate; and
- Proof of registration on the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

ASA is committed to broad-based black economic empowerment and strives to comply with the provisions of all relevant legislation. Documents should be submitted on hard copy, accompanied by a completed registration form (available on ASA website, [www.agreement.co.za](http://www.agreement.co.za)) and deposited in the tender box at the ASA Offices, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Building 17B, Yellow-wood Road, Brummeria, Pretoria. Same documentation is to be supplied to ASA electronically, sent to [procurement@agreement.co.za](mailto:procurement@agreement.co.za)

No faxed, documents will be accepted. ASA reserves the right not to register any applicant.

Enquiries:

Any enquiries regarding the submission may be directed to: Ms. Vutivi Manganyi, on :( 012) 841 2735.

#### **4. SCOPE OF WORK**

The main responsibilities of the experts shall be as follows:

- Identify the relevant assessment criteria and, in the absence of such criteria, establish performance criteria appropriate to the properties and use of the product or system;
- Identify and establish suitable test methods or methods of assessment which may be applied in the measurement of performance;
- Establish the actual performance of the product or system in accordance with the methods established above; and
- Provide expert opinion and judgement of acceptability of the product, material or system, in light of the measured or assessed performance against the appropriate performance criteria and make recommendations to Agrément South Africa Technical and Evaluation Committee (TECO), to approve the product or system as fit for purpose, impose limitations or conditions on the use of the product or system or recommend that approval be withheld.

Typical assessments include testing fitness-for-purpose;

**(i) For Building Systems;**

- Behaviour in relation to fire
- Structural strength and stability
- Condensation/ water penetration
- Acoustics
- Durability
- Thermal performance

**(ii) For Roads and Pavement Products**

- Cold mix materials
- Bituminous Road Products (including surfacing systems)
- Non-traditional road additives
- Stabilisation products



**(iii) For Sanitation**

- Digester systems
- Sanitation systems
- Non-sewered systems

**(iv) For Structures**

- Bridge deck joints

**(v) Other**

- Paints & Coatings
- Flooring
- Doors and door frames
- Windows and window frames
- Ceiling products
- Insulation products
- Energy Simulation Software
- Traffic Monitoring System
- Quality Management System

When responding to this call, kindly indicate area(s) of expertise relevant to the built environment.

#### **4.1 Assessment and Evaluation**

Given the absence of standards, Agrément South Africa bases its assessments and evaluations on the performance concept, whereby the required performance in use of a product, material or system is defined without specifying how such performance is to be attained.

Usually, the assessment or evaluation process must always be sufficiently comprehensive to confirm the overall fitness for purpose of the product or system, in its “as-built” or installed condition. This would include the ability of the manufacturer, installer or contractor to consistently manufacture, build or install the product to the required level of quality.

Where Agrément South Africa Assessment Criteria exists, evaluators and assessors shall be expected to evaluate and assess, in accordance with such criteria. Where none exists, the product or system’s fitness-for-purpose will be assessed, using expert opinion. The results of the

assessment or evaluation process and its conclusions must be able to withstand robust peer review and critical consideration by the Board of Agrément South Africa.

## **5. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY**

The following criteria and methodology will apply:

### **Verification of Basic Compliance**

Basic compliance is achieved if the service provider is registered on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD) and if all the supporting documentation required by these terms of reference is submitted. This is a mandatory requirement.

**There will be no technical evaluation for this process. Technical evaluation shall apply per specific request to quote.**

### **Request for Quotations, awarding and contracting**

Agrément South Africa will request quotations from registered prospective service providers, with whom service level agreements will be entered into should they be awarded a contract.

## **6. ENQUIRIES**

Agrément South Africa Supply Chain Management Office

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## **7. CLOSING DATE**

No closing date shall apply. Agrément South Africa encourages continuous submission of registration requests.